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City of Kingston Seeks Public Input and Ideas in Preparation for \$10 Million “Downtown Revitalization Initiative” Application

Kingston, N.Y.

In spring 2016, Governor Cuomo announced the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI), “a comprehensive approach to transform communities ripe for development into vibrant neighborhoods where the next generation of New Yorkers will want to live and work.” This initiative will provide an opportunity for one Mid-Hudson community to win \$10 million for revitalization of a downtown neighborhood in their municipality.

The City of Kingston’s Office of Economic and Community Development has submitted an intent to apply, with the application’s focus on the Midtown community in Kingston.

“While this process will be incredibly competitive, we believe that Midtown Kingston has the character, resources and invested stakeholders to be seriously considered for this opportunity,” stated Kristen Wilson, the City’s new Grants Manager.

The grant deadline is Friday, May 27th.

“My administration is committed to seeking and competing for all eligible and appropriate funding opportunities to strengthen our community,” stated Mayor Steve Noble. “This grant opportunity in particular has a primary focus on economic development, connectivity, and continuing to build our community as a place where people can live and work successfully. We will be preparing a competitive application that, if funded, will encourage significant additional investment and movement into the Midtown community, while also improving the quality of life and employment prospects for current residents. I believe that seeking grant opportunities such as this, coupled with public and private investments in the areas of education, health, arts and technology, will help us achieve a collective vision for the future of Midtown.”

The City is currently seeking ideas and comments from local residents, business owners and other stakeholders in Midtown Kingston. Specifically, the City is looking for short, 1-2 paragraph descriptions of what local stakeholders see as the future for Midtown, in terms of potential projects or businesses that would support the revitalization of this neighborhood.

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Descriptions can be submitted the following ways:

By online survey: <http://kingston-ny.gov/midtownstories>

By Mail: City Hall
C/o Kristen Wilson
420 Broadway
Kingston, N.Y. 12402

By e-mail: mweiss@kingston-ny.gov

Descriptions will be used to develop a competitive, collective vision for the revitalization of Midtown. All submissions should be sent in by Tuesday, May 24th at 5pm.

“I look forward to reviewing the community’s thoughts on this topic, as we are working on a number of projects and funding applications that will be strengthened by this input. Whether it’s through this competitive grant process or through a different funding opportunity, I am confident that by developing a collective vision of Midtown, we can build an even more vibrant community in which to live and work.

All comments and suggestions are welcome. This information will also be used to prepare for several upcoming grant applications during the state’s Consolidated Funding Applications due at the end of July 2016.

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For more information about the Downtown Revitalization Initiative, visit:

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-launches-100-million-downtown-revitalization-initiative>

For more information about the Consolidated Funding Application, visit:

<https://apps.cio.ny.gov/apps/cfa/>